fighters by the State Government and does not concern the Central Government. However, Central Governments' Swatantrata sanik Samman Pension Scheme covers freedom fighters of Meghalaya as well and so far pension has been sanctioned by the Central Government in 86 cases belonging to Meghalaya.

**Service condition of Home Guards**

1548. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to bring about some kind of legislation to improve the service conditions of Home Guards in the Country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Cheating by Non-banking Financial Companies**

1549. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints of investors being cheated by the non-banking financial companies in the capital have increased recently;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received in 1997 and 1998 so far;

(c) whether it is also fact that the Delhi Police is not equipped to deal with such complaints efficiently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Delhi police have reported that the number of complaints of investors being cheated by the non-financial banking companies in the capital have increased from *764* in 1997 to *866* in 1998 so far.

(c) and (d) An Economic Offences Wing was set up in Delhi Police in 1994 to investigate such white collar crfimes.

**Reconsitution of NEC**

1550. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a proposal to reconstitution the North-Eastern Council with the inclusion of Sikkim as an integral part of it;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many times the said Council has met during the last three years and what were the main problems discussed and recommendations made, if any?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. the North Eastern Council is proposed to be reconstituted with the inclusion of Sikkim and the appointment of the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission as its Chairperson. The requisite bill will shortly be moved before the Parliament.

(c) the North Eastern Council has met thrice during the last three years. The important recommendations made during these meetings include, inter-alia, restructuring of North Eastern Council to include Sikkim; adoption of special economic and industrial policy for the north Eastern region; introduction of helicopter services in the North Eastern region; according priority to construction of roads and bridges; provision of funds for maintenance of roads constructed with funds from the North Eastern Council; and provision of resources for development of airports in the North Eastern region.